WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Applications of ATOs Pending with DGCA

*341. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether many applications of ATOs are pending with DGCA;

(b) how many applications for acquisition of aircrafts by ATOs are pending with DGCA;

(c) what are the reasons for not clearing the same;

(d) whether there is a clearcut policy on the expansion of the fleet of private airlines; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Applications from 11 (Eleven) Air Taxi Operators for acquisition of additional aircraft are pending.

(c) to (e) In order to ensure orderly growth of air transport services, the applications will be considered on merits keeping in view the:—

(i) limitations of airport infrastructure,

(ii) limitations of air traffic control facility,

(iii) need to meet the growth in traffic, and

(iv) need to connect new stations by air.

Unintended benefits earned by M/s. Glaxo on Zintac

*345. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Rashtriya Sahara of 21st July, 1994 regarding unintended benefit of Rs. 140 crores earned by M/s. Glaxo on Zintac;

(b) whether it is a fact that formulation prices were fixed in 1988 based on Ranitidine price of Rs. 4396 per kg.

(c) whether it is a fact that as soon as the price of Ranitidine came down, they were required to seek revision in price of formulations within one month as per DPCC, 1987;

(d) whether it is a fact that they contravened the DPCC, 1987, if so, what action has been taken against them;

(e) whether it is a fact that such a situation prevails in a number of their other products including Fortum Injection, if so, the details of such items; and

(f) what steps have been taken to enquire into the whole matter and recover the amount charged extra from the consumer?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (f) The price of bulk drug Ranitidine was notified on 16.3.1994 and the ceiling prices of the formulations based on this bulk drug were also notified on 6.7.1994 by the Government. Fortum injection is not under price control.

दिल्ली विमानपत्तन पर पक्षियों से उत्पन्न खतरा

*346. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह:
श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल:

क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली स्थित अंतर्राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन के आस-पास के क्षेत्रों में हाल ही में पशुओं का वध किए जाने के कारण इस क्षेत्र में पक्षियों से खतरा बढ़ता जा रहा है तथा ये विमानों की सुरक्षा के लिए खतरनाक सिद्ध हो रहे हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या दिल्ली में हाल ही की मांस विक्रेताओं की हड़ताल को दृष्टिगत रखते हुए सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई सर्वेक्षण करवाया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो किन-किन स्थानों पर ऐसी गैर-कानूनी गतिविधि चल रही है और सरकार द्वारा इसे रोकने के लिए क्या प्रभावी कदम उठाए गए हैं?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद): (क) इंदिरा गांधी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन के चारों और 10 कि.मी. दूर तक के क्षेत्र में स्थल निरीक्षण के दौरान अवैध रूप से जानवरों की खाल उतारने की कुछ घटनाओं का पता लगा था जिनके कारण पक्षी-उत्पात हो सकता था।

(ख) और (ग) नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय, भारत अंतर्राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण, दिल्ली नगर निगम, दिल्ली पुलिस एवं स्वास्थ्य विभाग के अधिकारियों के एक दल ने अप्रैल-मई 1994 में संयुक्त निरीक्षणों/सर्वेक्षणों का आयोजन किया था। इन निरीक्षणों/सर्वेक्षणों के दौरान कुछ क्षेत्रों जैसे हस्तसाल गांव, रघुवीरनगर, पप्पन कलां, पन्खा रोड, मंगलापुरी, दक्षिणपुरी, कीर्तिनगर, बदरपुर, खिड़की/साकेत आदि में अवैध रूप से खाल उतारने की कुछ घटनाओं का पता लगा था। पुलिस ने अपराधियों को पकड़ा था और उनके विरुद्ध मामले पंजीकृत किए थे। इस मामले को उपयुक्त नागर प्राधिकारियों की जानकारी में भी लाया गया है।

Suggestions of Chief Executives of PSUs

*347. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Working Groups of Chief Executives of some public Sector undertakings recently suggested restructuring of the undertakings and that the funds disinvested from some of them should be diverted towards modernisation and technological upgradation programmes of the P.S.Us; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Funds generated by disinvestment from the Public Sector Undertakings are credited into the Consolidated Fund of India. Need based programmes of Public Sector Undertakings are funded from the different accounting heads in the budget whenever necessary keeping in view the overall resource position.

Biogas Plants in the Country

*348. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of villages are going for Biogas Plants in the country;

(b) whether, in the last 10 years, TERI (Tata Energy Research Institute) has made a number of inventions to improve the energy services in the villages by introducing the energy technologies like biogas plants and biomass gasifier for generation of electricity and production of briquettes;

(c) if so, the villages where biogas plants have been set-up; and

(d) what are the total biogas plants set-up in Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat and what incentives are being provided to set up the biogas plants in other districts of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Family type biogas plants are being promoted in villages all over the country under the Central Sector Scheme, namely, National Project on Biogas Development. Another Central Sector Scheme, "Community, Institutional and Night-Soil based Biogas Plants Programme" is being implemented in both rural and urban areas.

(b) and (c) Mininstry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has been sponsoring Research and Development projects in the area of biogas and biomass gasification, besides other renewable energy technologies, to various institutions and non-conventional organisations one of which is the Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI), a Registered Society in the private sector with headquarters in New Delhi. Specifically, the Ministry has sponsored two on-going projects at TERI in this area, namely: (i) Development of Briquetting Gasification System for Utilization of Waste; and (ii) Methanogenesis from Agricultural By-products-scale up Studies. The objective of these, and other similar Research and Development Projects, is to develop technologies which would improve energy services in the village. TERI have informed that they have been working in village Dhanawas in Gurgaon district of Haryana for the last ten years, where they have installed 22 family-type biogas plants and a mobile briquetting-cum-gasifier system for generation of electricity.